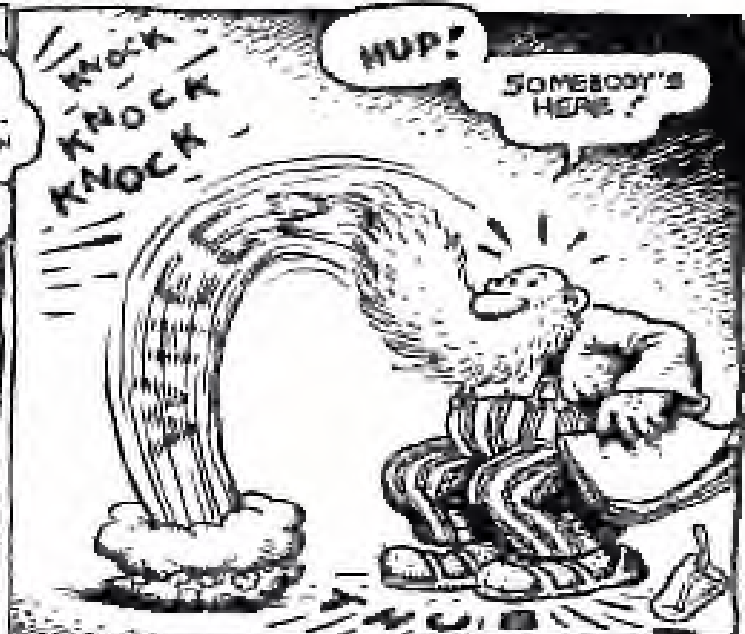


WE FIND MR. NATURAL RELAXING AT HOME.



HM... ACCORDING TO THIS, AVATARS MADE MORE MON-KEY BY LAST YEAR THAN MOVIE STARS!

BUNCH O' GANG-STERS, I CALL 'EM!!



HUP!

SOMEBODY'S HERE!



IT'S THAT LOVABLE OLD ATHLETIC PROFESSOR WANDOWSKI!



C'MON IN, PROF. TAKE A LOAD OFF YER FEET, OL' BOY... NICE T SEE YER DISMAL PUSS AGAIN!

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK THAT... I WAS SITTING IN A MOVIE THEATRE LAST NIGHT WHEN IT CAME TO ME... A GENUINE INSPIRATION! I SET OUT FIRST THING IN THE MORNING FOR YOUR HOUSE!



A NEW SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY NO DOUBT! LAST TIME I SAW YOU IT WAS TH' DAY AFTER YOU JOINED TH' COMMUNIST PARTY... YOUR ENTHUSIASM KNEW NO BOUNDS... HAH HA BRILLIANT BOY!

NO, NO, NO, THAT HAS FIZZLED OUT... I'M ON A NEW KICK NOW... A FAR MORE ADVANCED POLITICAL THEORY... PERHAPS TOO ADVANCED, CONSIDERING THE PRESENT BARBARIC SOCIAL CONDITIONS, BUT WE CAN DISCUSS ALL THAT LATER... FIRST, I'VE BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING I KNOW YOU'LL FLIP OVER...



HEY, NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'!! YOU REMEMBERED MY FAVORITE DISH... BOILED CABBAGE!

WOTTA STROKE OF STEER BRILLIANCE!!

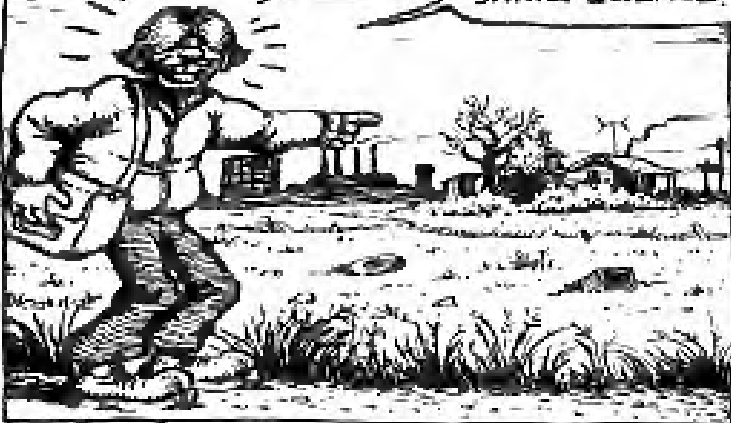
YOU ARE A GENIUS!

PRIZIBLY! PUT ON A POT O' WATER AN' GET OUT TH' BUTTER AN' SALT 'N' PEPPER! WE'LL PONDER THE GREAT QUESTIONS OVER BIG STEAMING PLATES OF BOILED CABBAGE!!

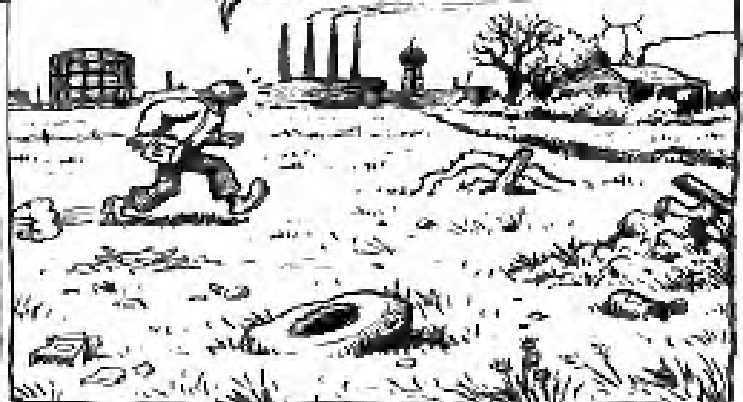
BILLY BOB, THE MOST DEVOTED OF ALL THE MR. NATURAL FANS, SEEKS AN AUDIENCE WITH HIS HERO...

A HUT IN THE MIDDLE OF A DESOLATE WASTE-LAND! WHAT A HUMBLE HOME FOR THE GREAT MR. NATURAL!

...SO BEATING HIS PURE MYSTICAL SANTUM ESSENCE!



I'VE BEEN A MR. NATURAL FAN FOR YEARS... AND FINALLY I'VE GOTTEN UP THE COURAGE TO SEEK HIM OUT! NOW I'M GOING TO TALK TO HIM IN PERSON! I KNOW HE WON'T REFUSE ME... HE'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DUDE!



UHON! AN OBSTACLE COURSE... A SET-UP TO TEST THE DEVOTION OF THE TRUE DISCIPLE SUCH AS MYSELF, AND DISCOURAGE THE MORE CURIOSITY SEEKER...

BUT I MUST REMEMBER TO ASK HIM WHAT SECRET POWER HE USES TO GET ACROSS THIS!!



MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE HOUSE, MR. NATURAL IS CHATTING WITH HIS OLD FRIEND, PROFESSOR WANDOWSKI...

LISTEN TO THIS, PROF! HERE'S A LETTER FROM A GUY WHO WANTS ME TO FRONT A NEW NATIONAL FRANCHISE BUSINESS... "MR. NATURAL" ORGANIC HAMBURGER STANDS... WHADAYA THINK? SHOULD I DO IT?

WELL, OF COURSE, IT DEPENDS ON A MIRIAD OF VARIABLES, BUT IF I WAS IN YOUR PLACE, THE FIRST QUESTION I'D ASK MYSELF IS: WILL THIS HELP FURTHER THE CAUSE OF ANARCHO-SYNDICALISM? THE ANSWER, OBVIOUSLY, IS 'NO'... THEREFORE...



YELP! SPLASH!

WHAT IN THE WORLD -

HMMM... JOOMBOO LIKE ANOTHER YOUNG FOOL IN TROUBLE OUT THERE, MR. NATURAL...



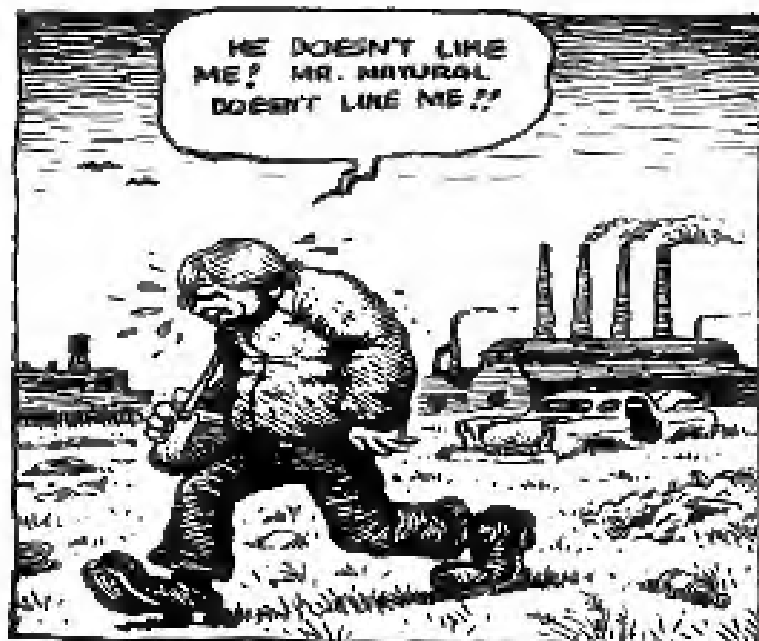
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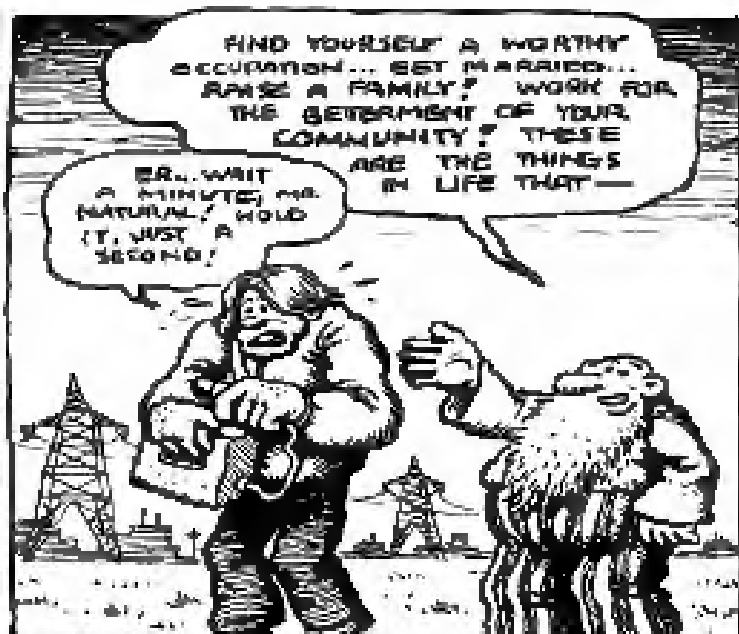
MR. NATURAL! HELP ME UP OUTA THIS MUCK!

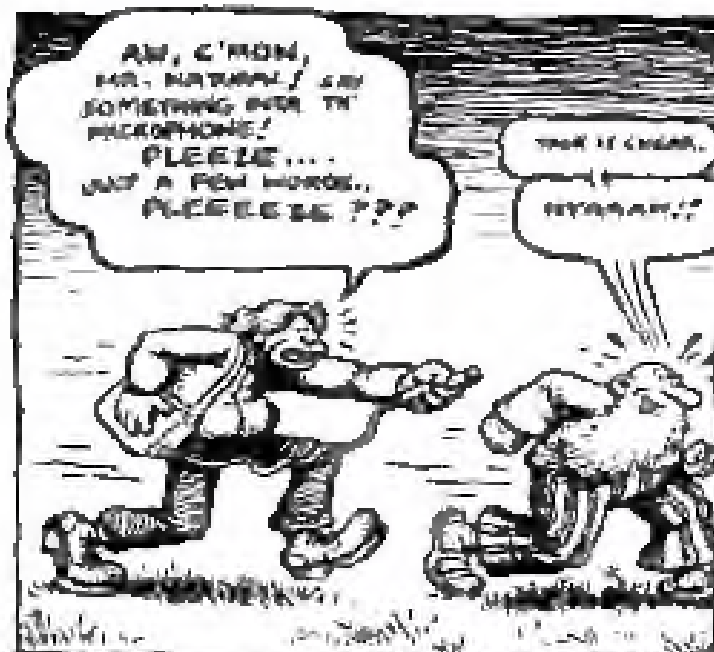
PLEEEZE?? PLEEEZE??

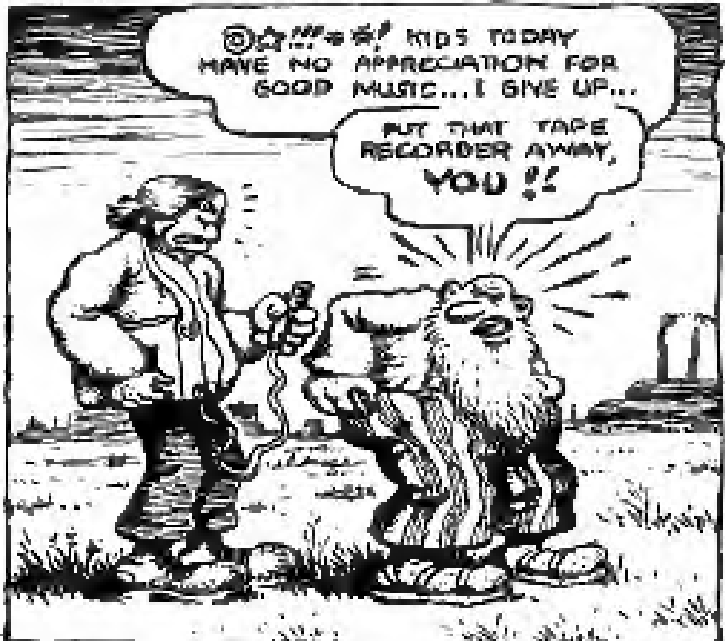
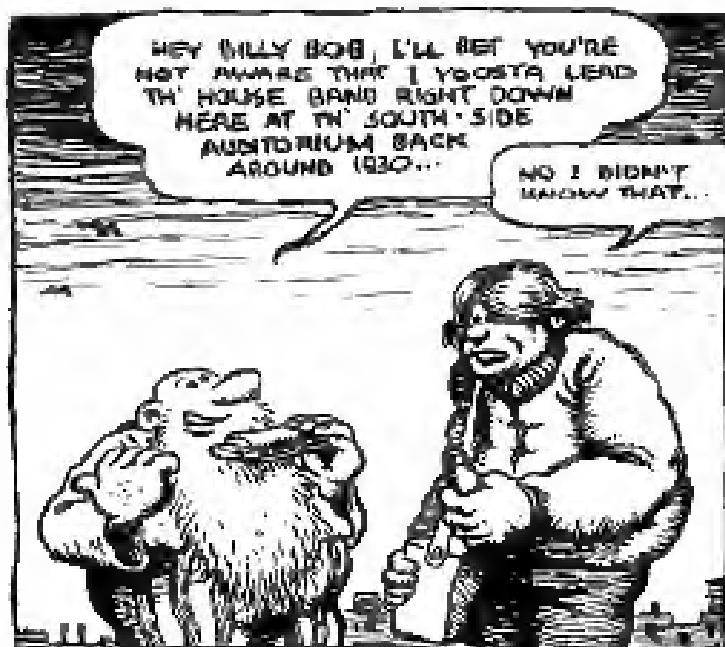
DISSILLUSIONMENT NUMBER ONE, FANBOY! BEAT IT!!

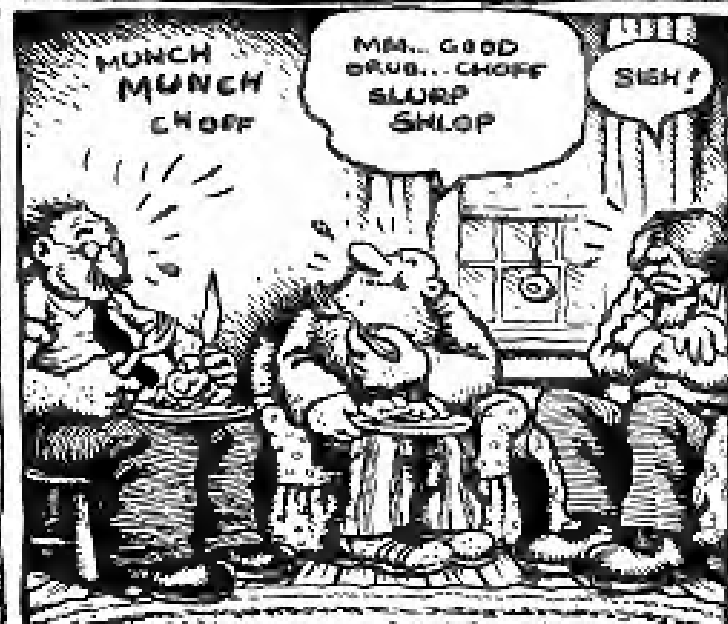






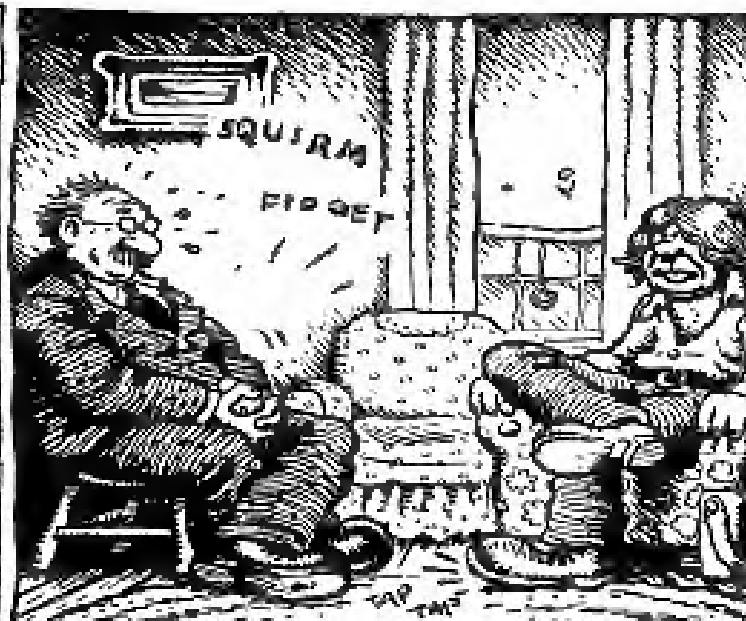






Mr. Natural's guests this week are Professor Witrowsky and Fan-boy Billy Bob!

WELL, I HAFTA TAKE A CRAPOLA... YOU CATS CAN GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WHILE I'M GONE...



OH...WANNA HEAR TH' NEW BRUCE SHARPSTEEN ALBUM? I GOT IT RIGHT HERE ON TAPE.

NO THANKS... I'M READING THIS BOOK!



I CARRY MY TAPE DECK AROUND WITH ME WHERE EVER I GO....

UHH...



HEY, LISTEN TO THIS BRUCE SHARPSTEEN, MAN! TH' GUY'S TH' HEAVIEST ROCK-POST-GENIUS OF TH' SEVENTIES!

I BROUGHT THIS TAPE ALONG TO PLAY FOR MR. NATURAL... HE'LL DIG IT!

ARRHHH

SMITH AVENUE FREEZE OUT

YEAH F A N

WOP!



THE HEE...I KNEW IF I LEFT THEM ALONE THERE'D BE TROUBLE!

GRRRR



I FIGURED THAT
HOT-HEADED PROF.
WANDOWSKY WOULD
PICK ON THE KID IF
I LEFT THE ROOM...
...CHUCKLE...HE'S NOT
TOO CRAZY ABOUT
THAT BRUCE
SHARSTEEN'S
MUSIC...
SNICKER...

YOUNG MAN, WILL
YOU PLEASE DO ME THE
COURTESY OF TURNING
THAT INFERNAL TAPE
MACHINE OFF?? IT'S
GIVING ME A HEAD-
ACHE!



HEY MAN, LISTEN TO WHAT THE
DUDE IS SAYING...THE WORDS, MAN!
THIS'S THE MUSIC OF THE STREETS!!

YOU'RE OUT OF
TOUCH WITH
REAL LIFE IF
YOU CAN'T —

BAH! THIS SO-CALLED
"MUSIC" SYMBOLIZES NOTHING
TO ME SO MUCH AS THE
TEMPER TANTRUMS OF A
SPOILED LITTLE LORD FIMPY-
LEROX WHO'S TIRED OF
HIS EXPENSIVE TOYS, HOW
WILL YOU PLEASE TURN
THAT THING OFF??

OHAY...OHAY...
BE COOL...
PEACE, OHAY? PEACE?



HEY, UHH... LIGHTEN UP, MAN... MAYBE
IF YOU'D QUIT TRYING TO COME ON
WITH THAT INTELLECTUAL RAP AND
OPEN UP TO

WHAT BRUCE IS
LAYING DOWN
IN THESE —

YOU, MY SON, ARE
A **DUPE** OF THE MASS
MEDIA, INSULATED FROM
REALITY BY A HIGHLY
SOPHISTICATED BUT
NONE THE LESS INSIDIOUS
TECHNOLOGICAL FORM
OF BRAINWASHING,
AND THAT'S MY
FINAL SAY ON THE
SUBJECT!



... AND WILL
YOU BUTTON
YOUR SHIRT UP
FOR GOD'S SAKE,??

FUCKIN' UP
TIGHT PL
MOTHEAFUCKA!



SO, UHH... ARE YOU
FELLOWS HITTING IT
OFF? HEH HEH...

BRUCE WAS
TOO HEAVY FOR
TH' PROF. MR.
NATURAL... HE
COULDN'T HANDLE
IT... REALLY
FREAKED HIM
OUT!

MY, WENNA
SMOKE A
JOINT?

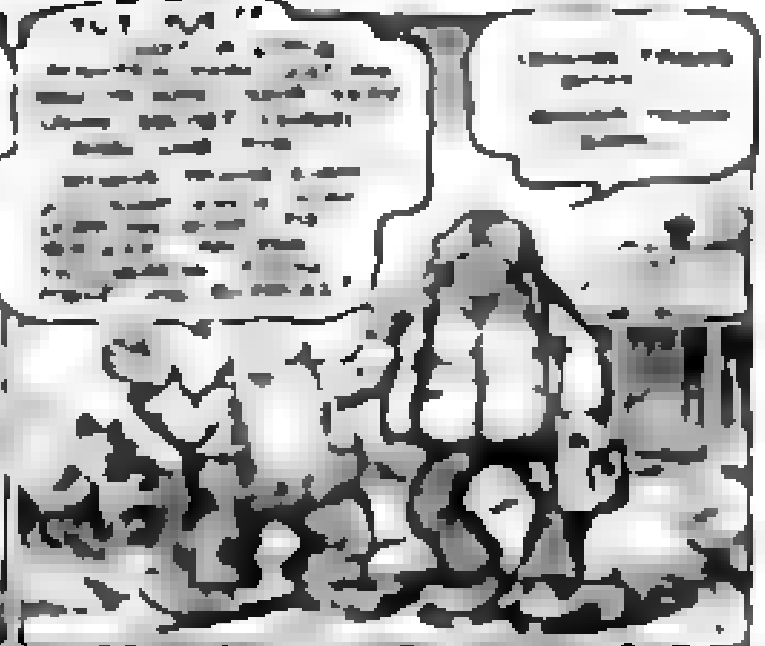


YAARGHH!!

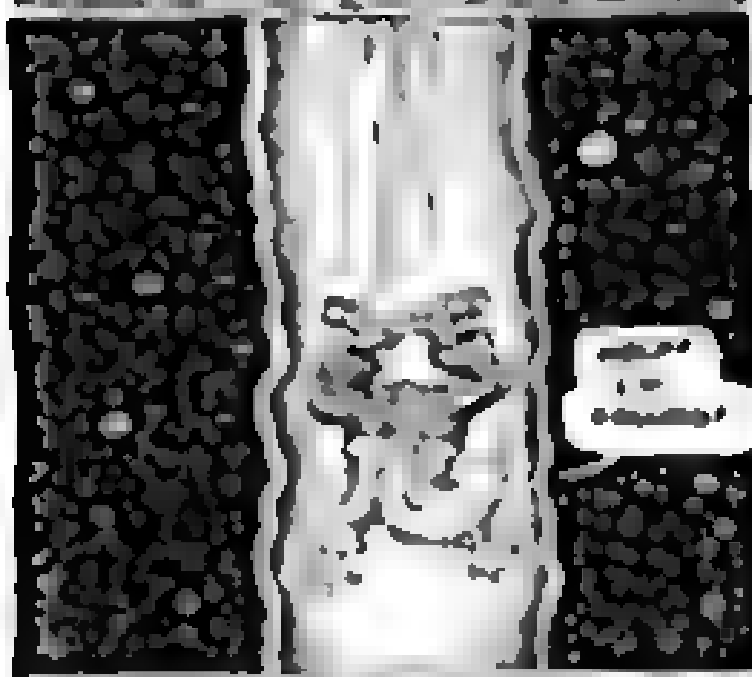
YES, I KNOW...
HE'S A FUSSY
SORT OF
PERSON...



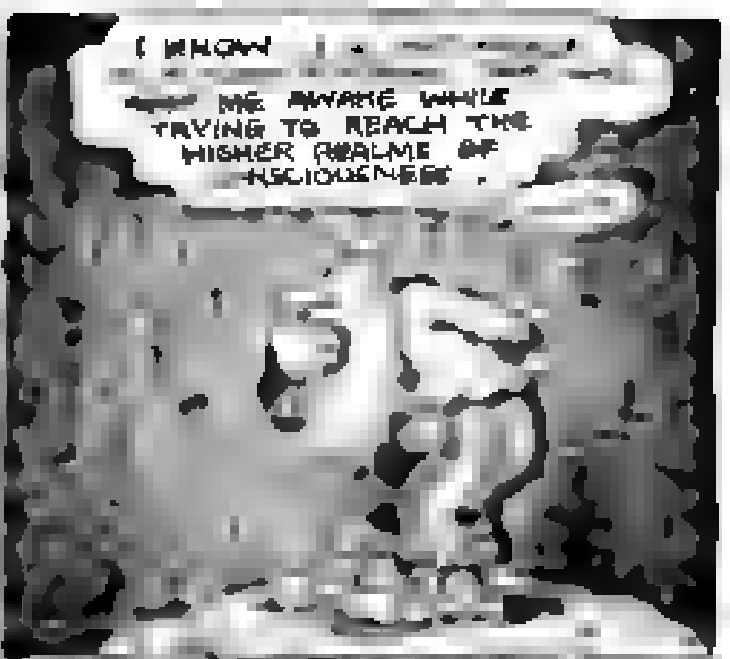




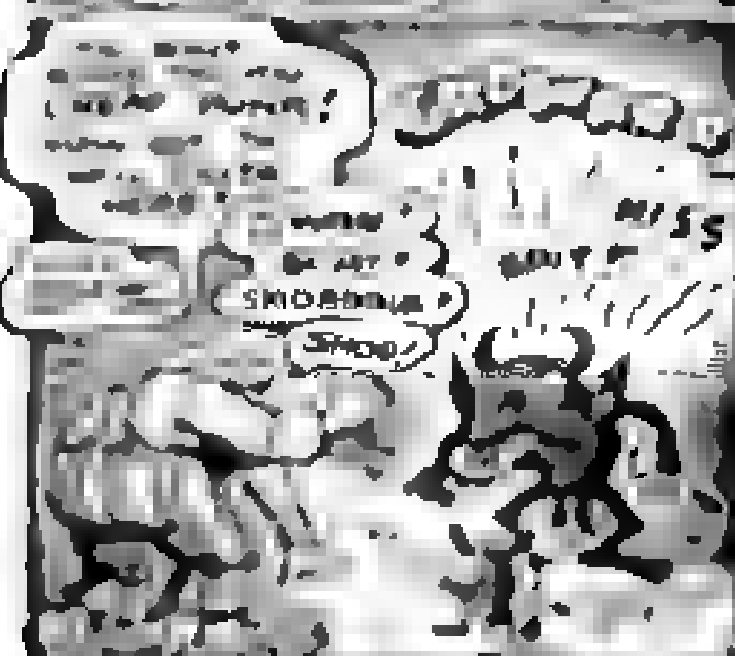
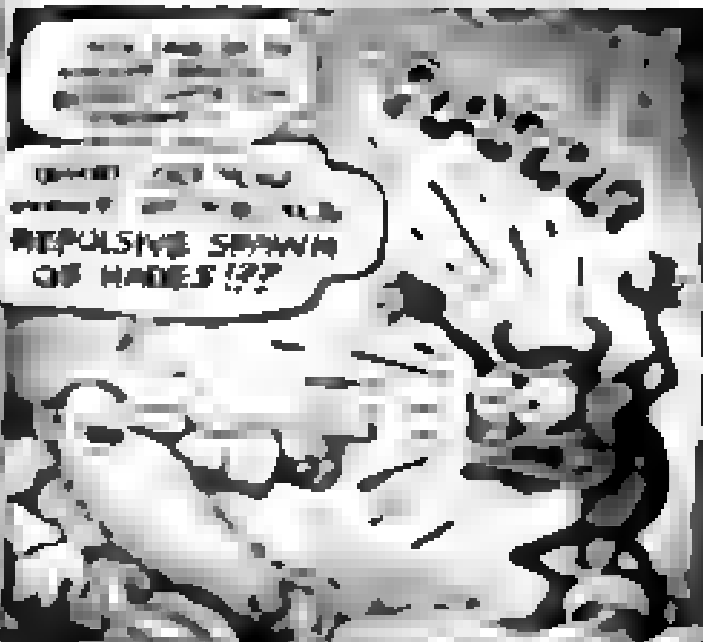


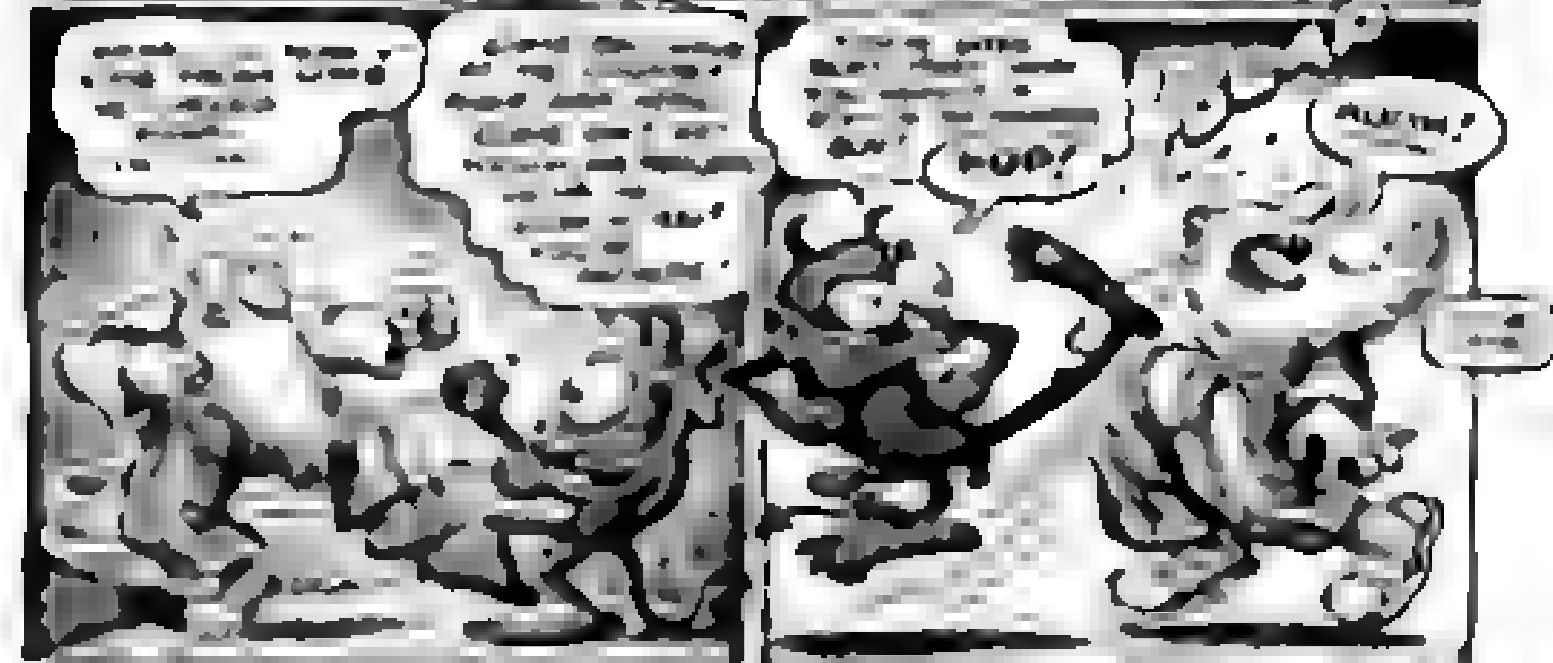
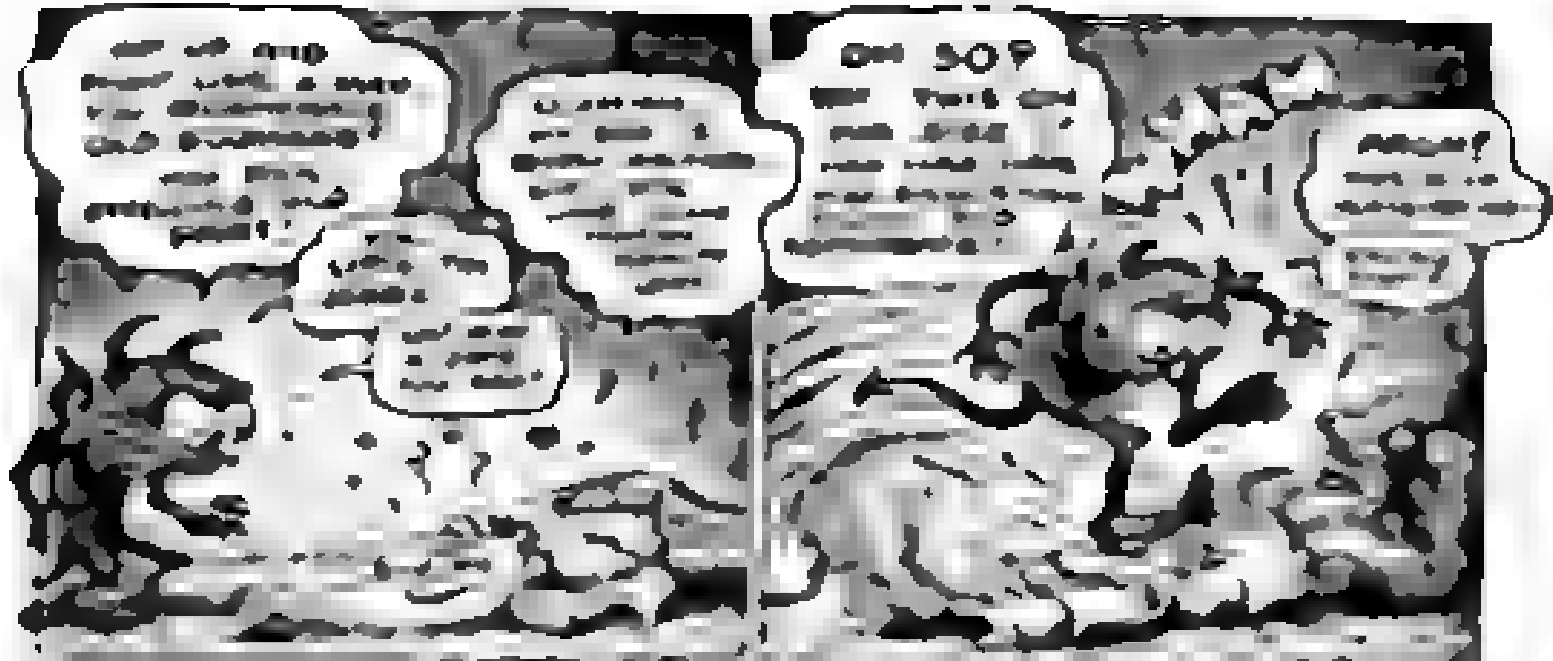




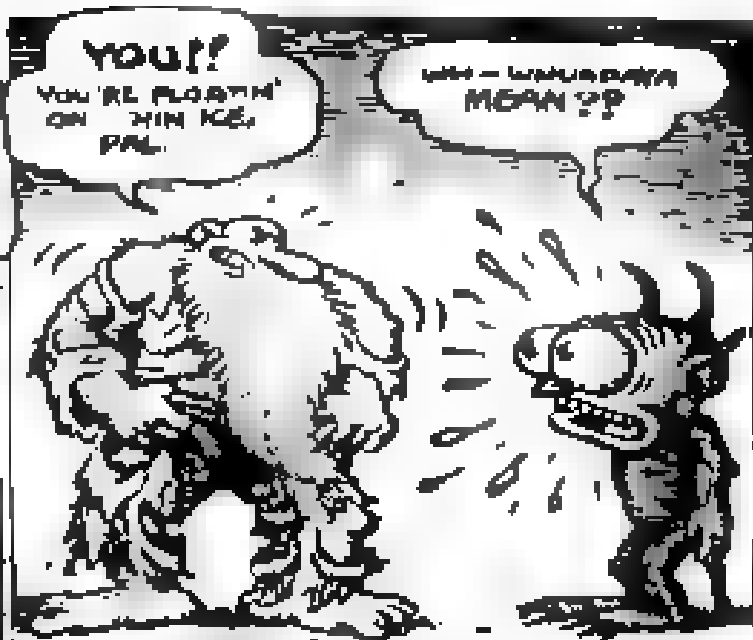


A UN-VEREABLE "ACE IN THE HOLE"
STUCK WITH AN OMBROUS CHAPAC











LET'S CLIMB THE HOLE AND SPEAKING WITH
A NEW FRIEND'S FRIEND !!

I MUST TALK ABOUT
OF MY FRIEND TO YOU !!



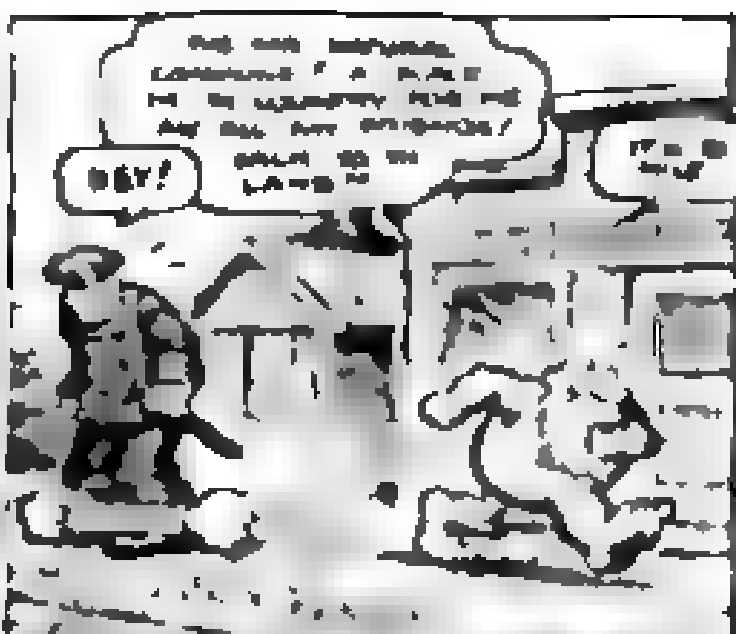
HEY
YOU!
HALT!

WOW !!



YOU HAVE BEEN
TALKING TO SOMEONE
STAND BY THE HOLE
'S MIGHT
BEHOLD !!

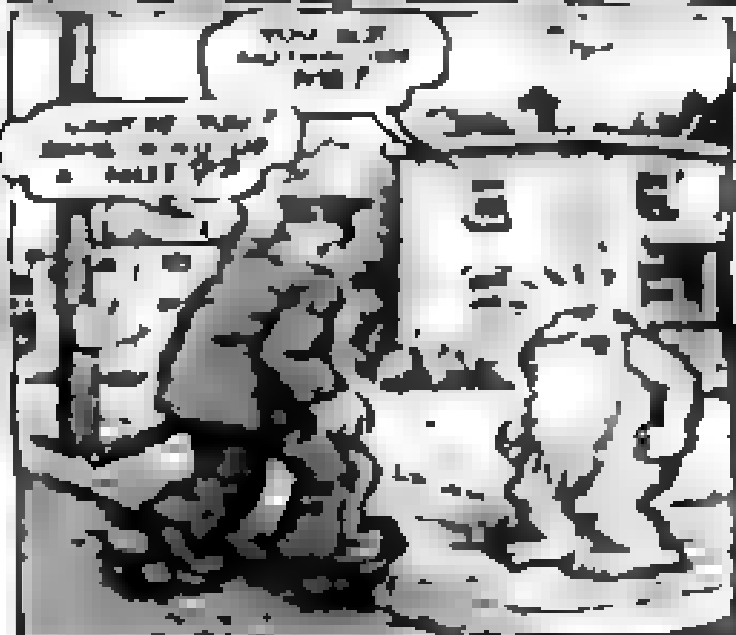
LET'S TALK
TO THE HOLE !! BUT
I HAVE THE
HOLE IN MY
MIND !!



HEY!

THE NEW FRIEND
LOOKING FOR A PLACE
TO BE HAPPY AND THE
NEW FRIEND'S FRIEND !!
WALK TO THE
LAND !!

IT'S
THE



LET'S TALK
TO THE HOLE !! BUT
I HAVE THE
HOLE IN MY
MIND !!

YOU ARE
TALKING TO
THE HOLE !!



WE ARE
ABOUT
TO GO !!

OH!
HMM!
THE HOLE

MR. "AU NATURAL" HAS BEEN NAMED FOR
RUSTY AT NOON!!

LOOK HERE, OFFICER! I
REALLY CAN'T BE BOTHERED
WITH ALL THESE PETTY
LIABILITIES. LET'S
JUST SAY I'M ONE
OF THOSE "STRECHERS"!



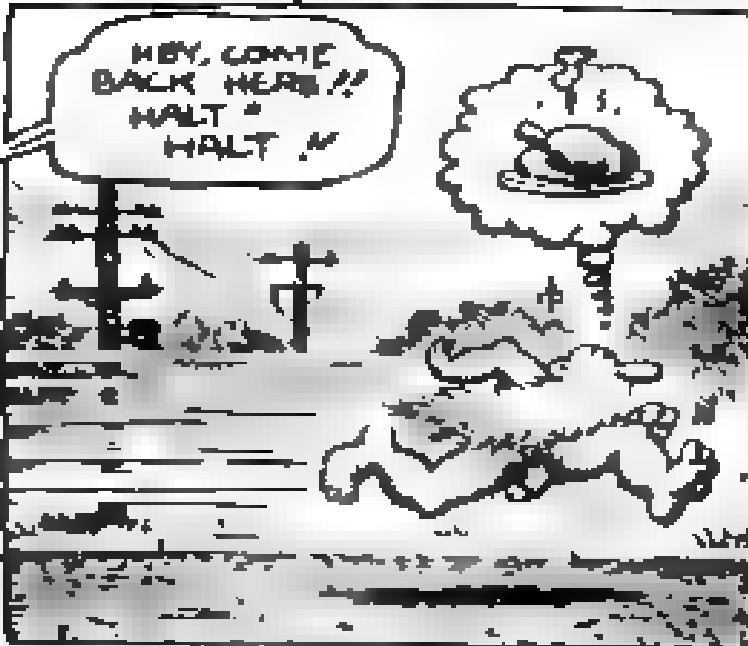
STREAKING WENT
OUT WITH WATERBOMB
AND WATERGATE.
NOW WHAT'S YOUR
STORY, MISTER?

THINK I'M
LYIN' MAN? I
JUST WATCH
ME STREAK!

LALA
LA!



HEY, COME
BACK HERE!!
HALT!
HALT!!



I SEEMED SOME-
THING TO PUT ON BEFORE
I WIND UP IN A
JAIL CELL!!

EVERY COPY OF
TODAY'S MORNING
BEFORE IS IN
THE MATCH!!



Few minutes later

IT'S AMONGST THE
THINGS YOU CAN GET
OUT OF THE NEWS.

THE POLICE
WILL NEVER
RECOGNIZE
ME IN THIS
GET-UP!!

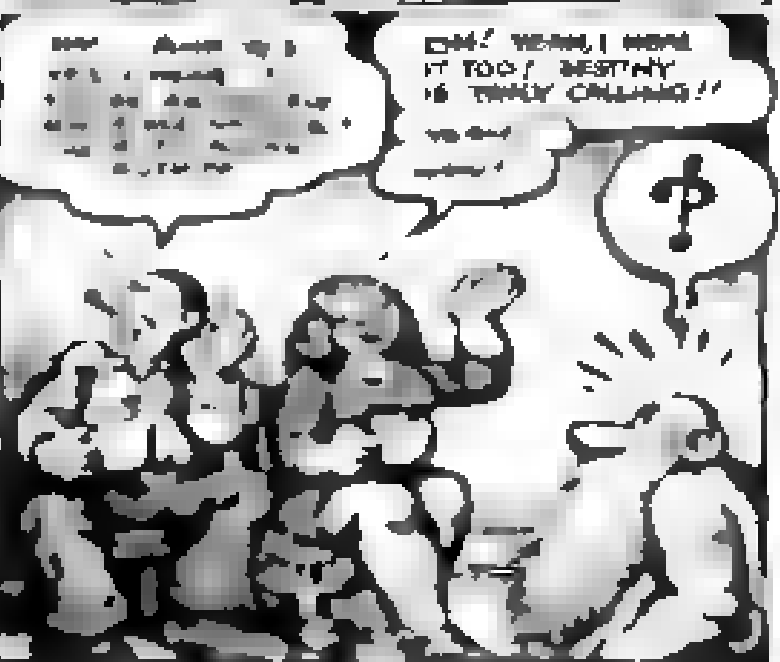
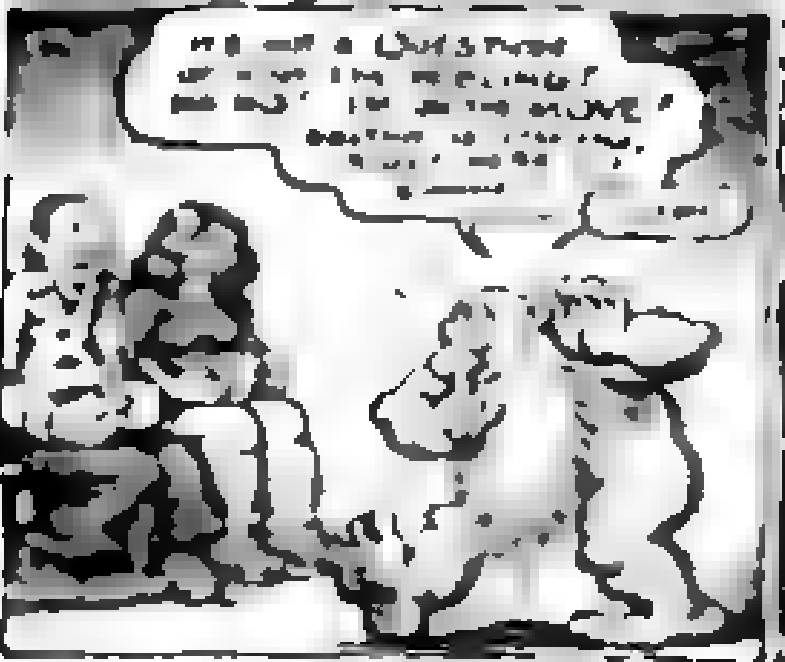
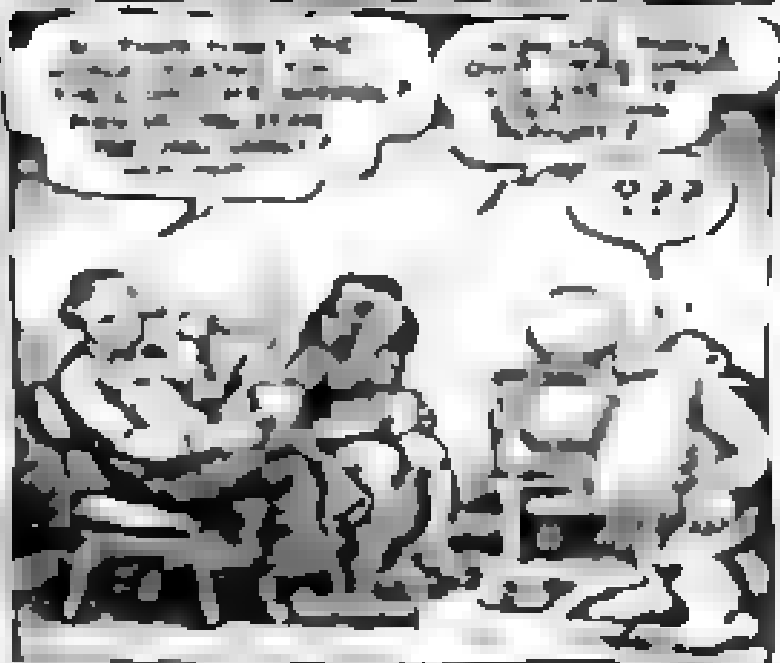
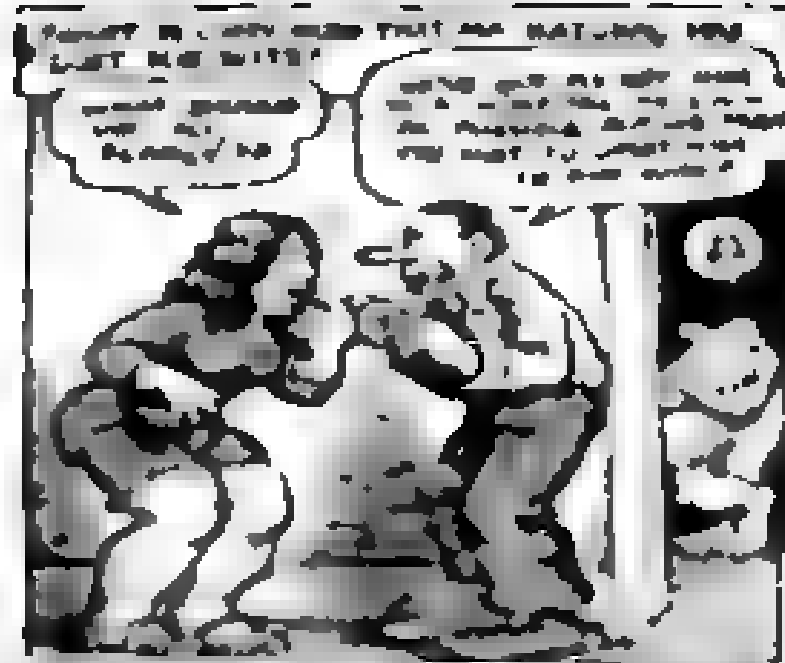


MEAN WHILE

FEW FEELS HAS FEELS,
EATING GOODER FEELS,
A FEELING MORE HELLOING
THAN EAT NO GOODER FEELS







LET ME TELL YOU, LET ME TELL YOU THAT... WHEN I WAS IN THE FIVE THAT QUALITY & I HEAR THAT YOU ARE BE WORKING TOGETHER WITH ME

AND YOU KNOW WHEN I WAS IN THE FIVE THAT QUALITY & I HEAR THAT YOU ARE BE WORKING TOGETHER WITH ME

WHAT? WHAT? A MINUTE? WHAT? IF YOU DROPPED AT 11? WHAT IS THIS?

WHAT IS
THIS??

OH, I GET IT! I GET IT NOW! YOU TWO THINK I'M CRAZY! YOU THINK I'M OUT OF MY MIND, DON'T YOU?!

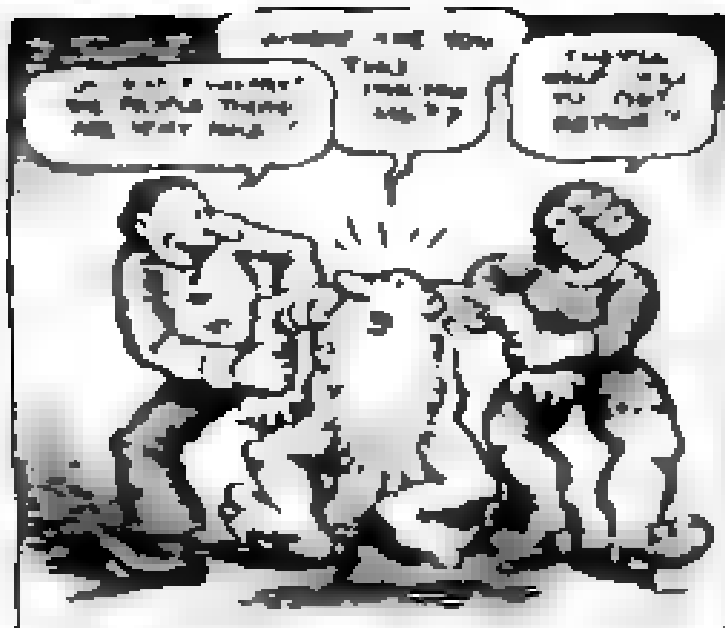
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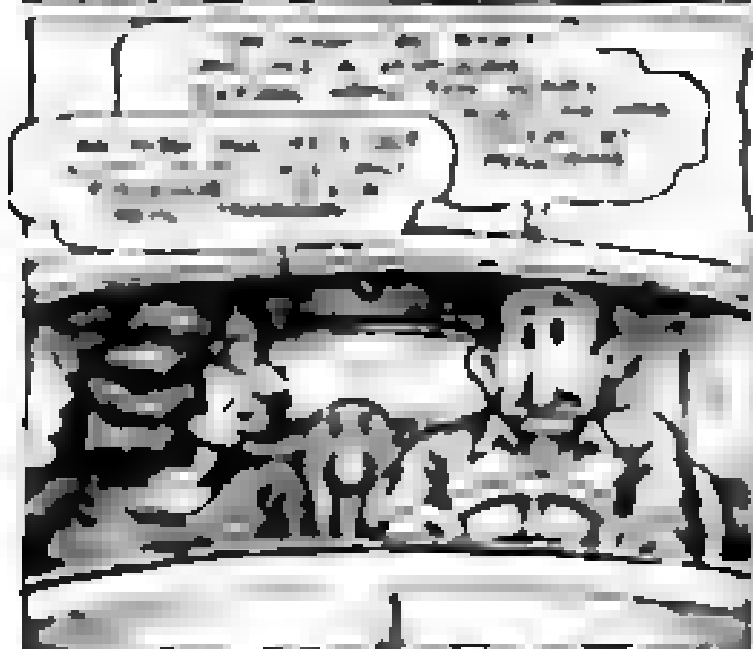
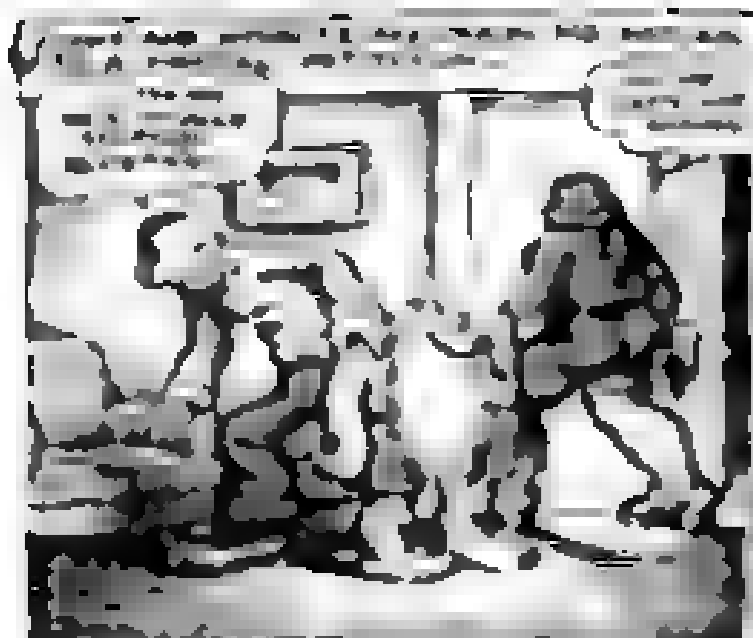
WE INTEND TO WRESTLE YOU TO THE GROUND & TAKE YOU TO THE VETERINARY!

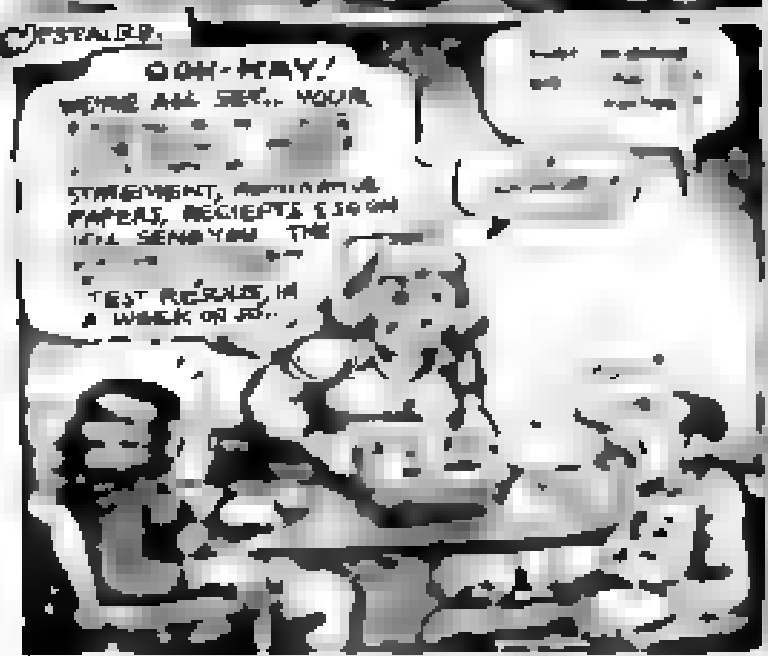
THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU UNTIL YOU'RE ALL BORED!

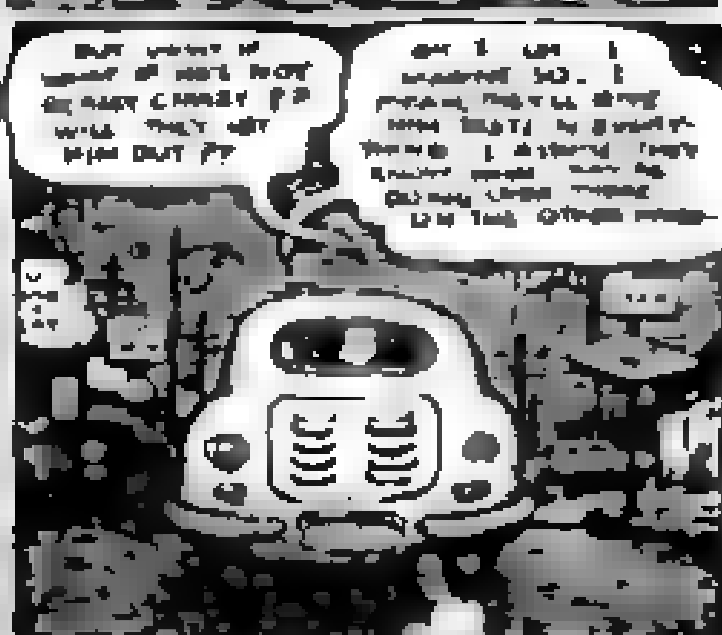
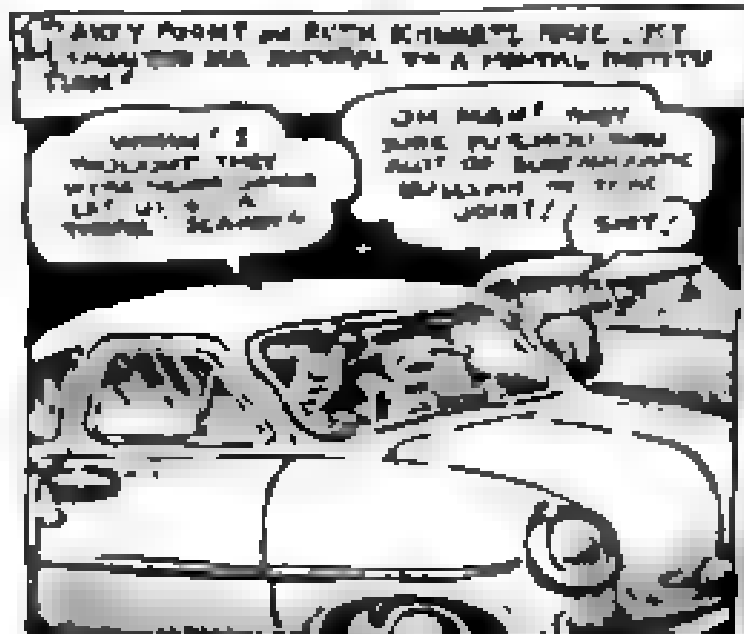
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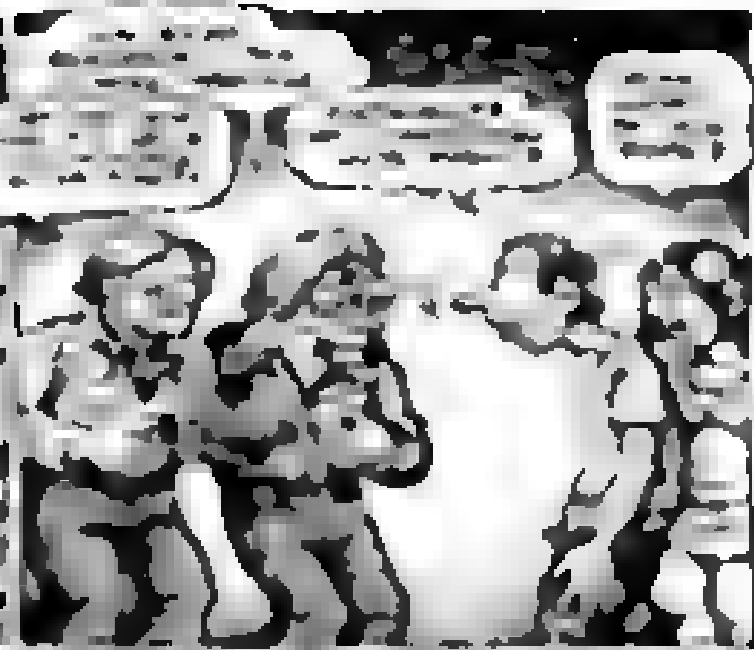
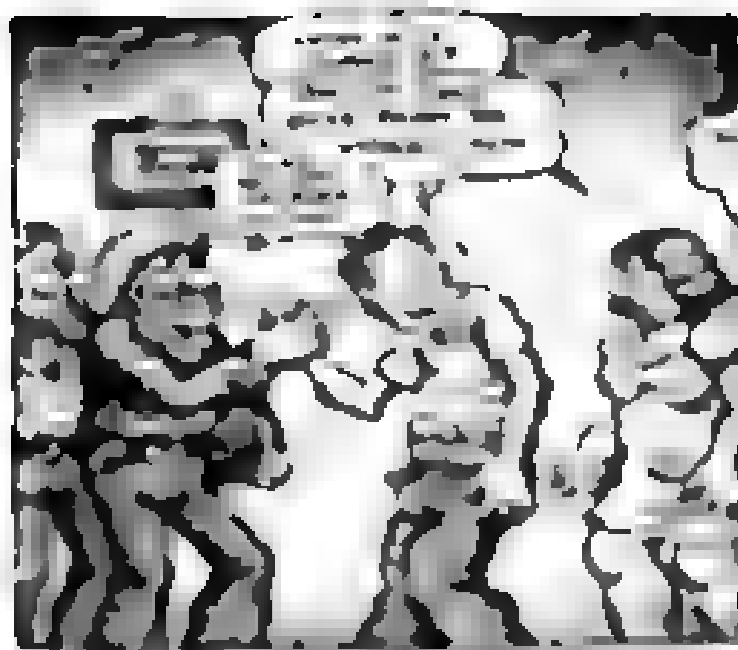


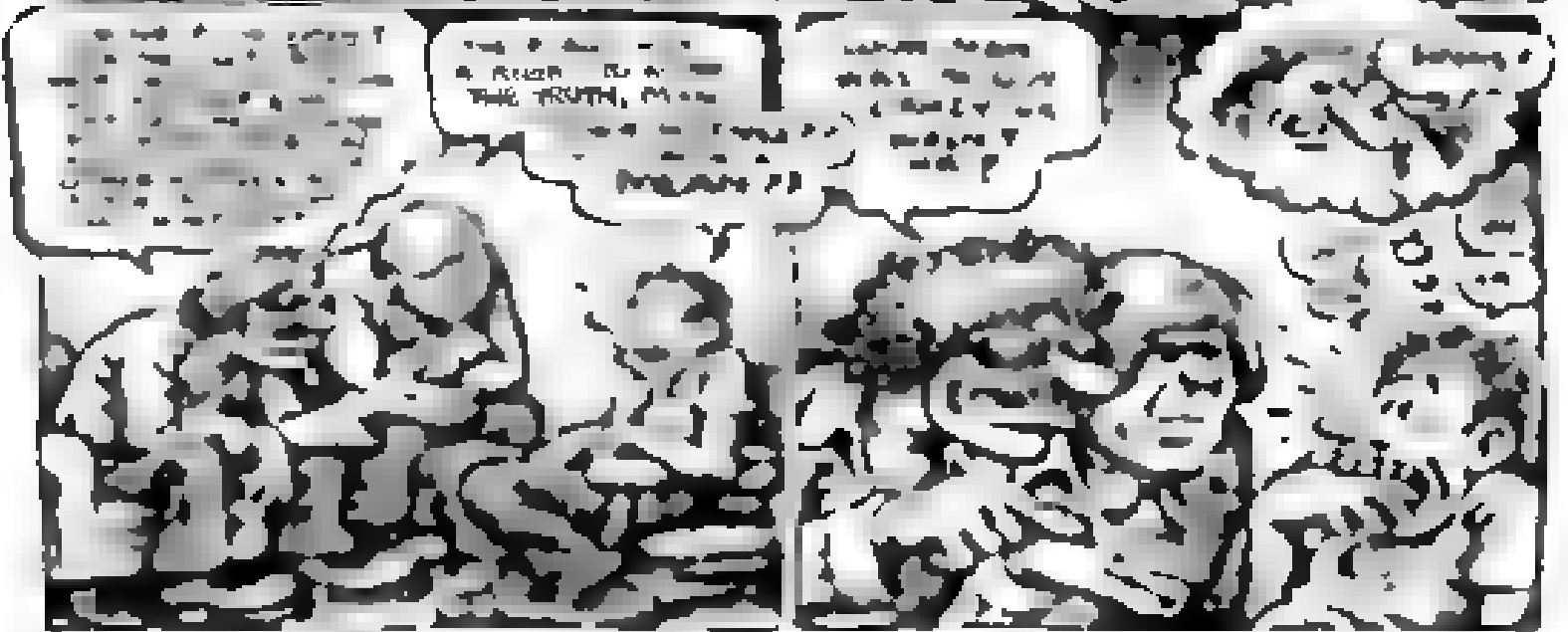
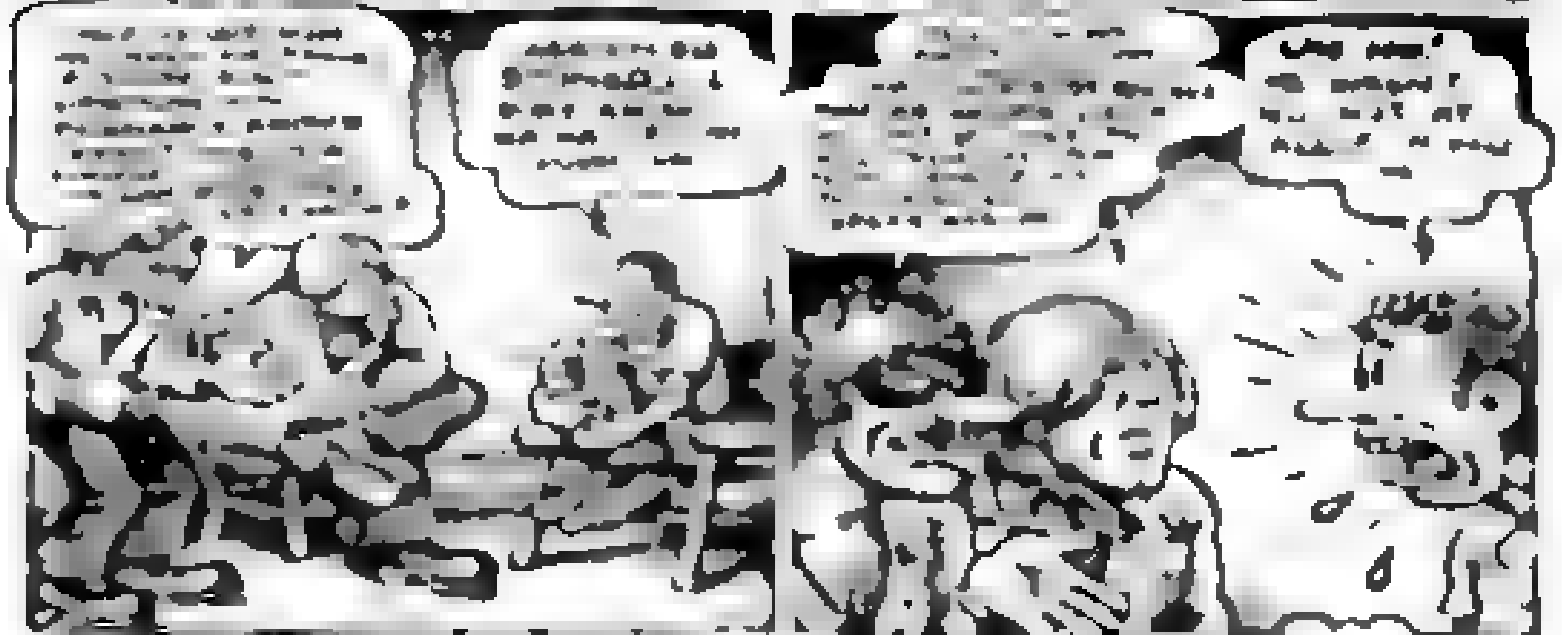
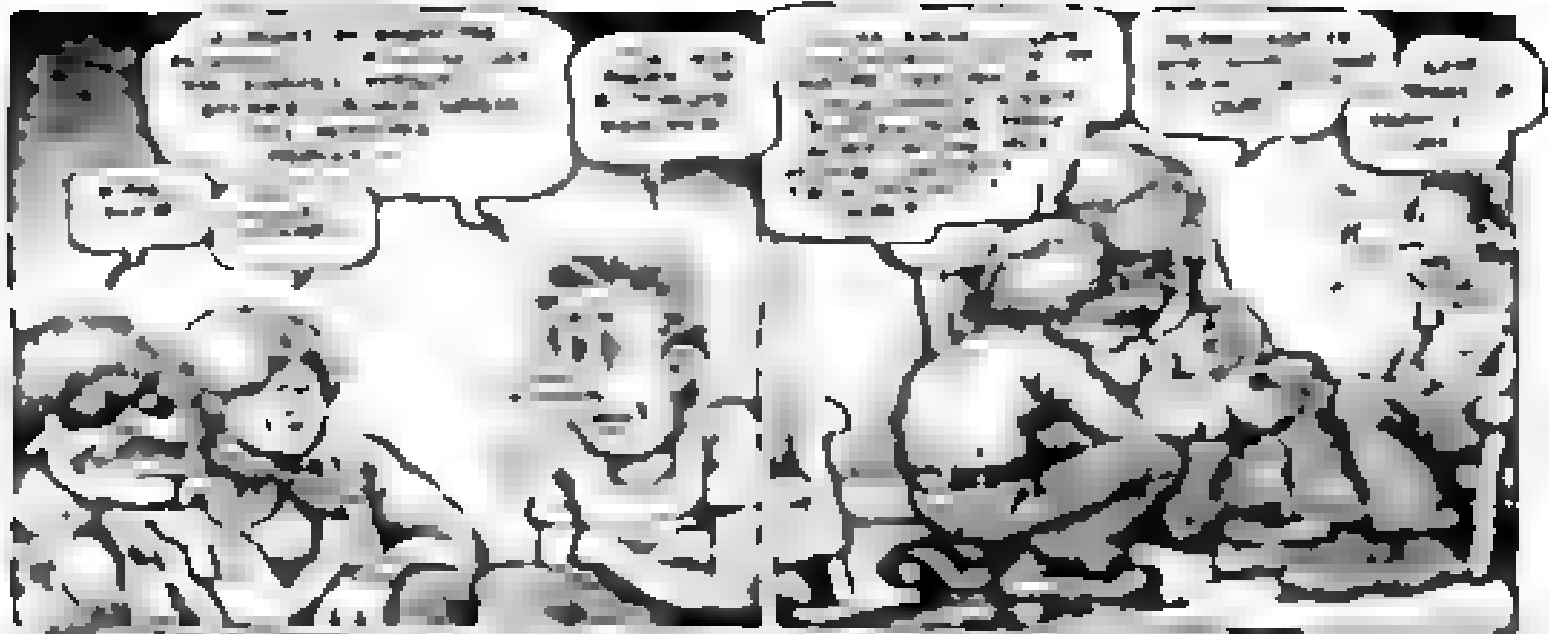


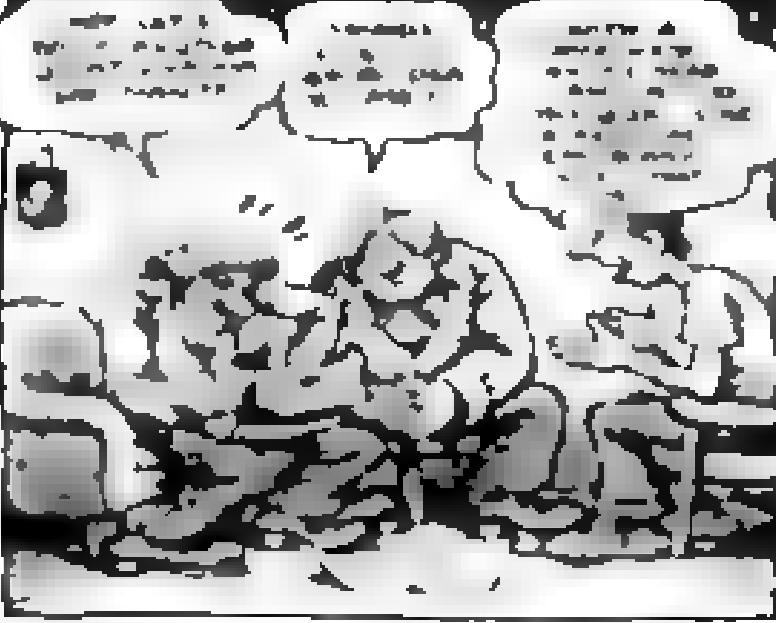
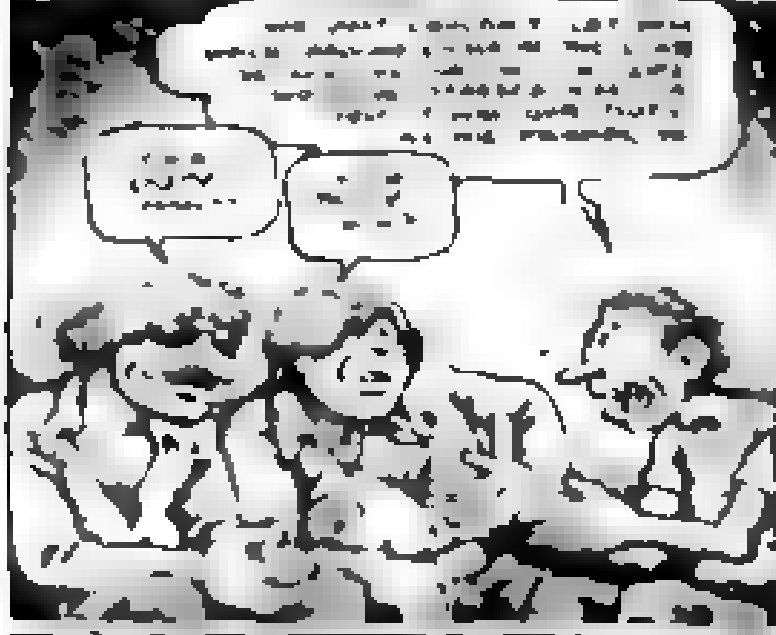
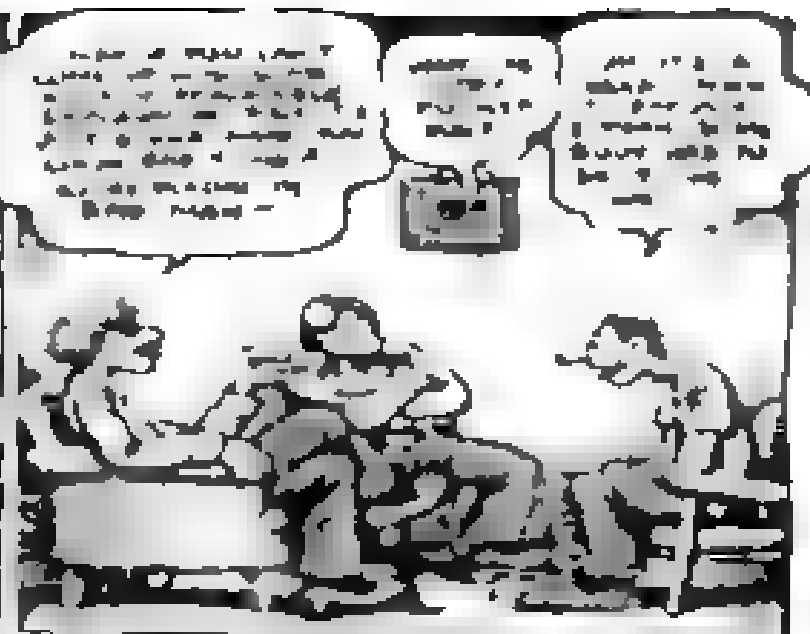
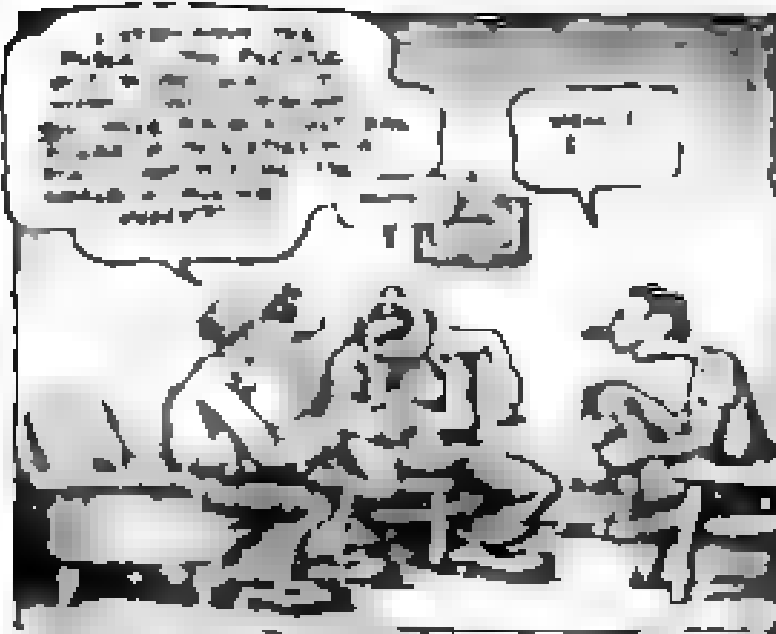


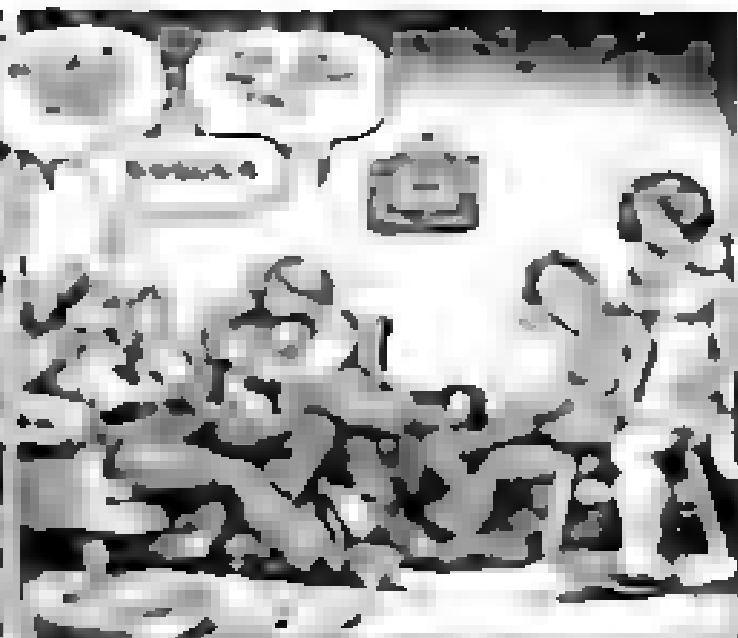




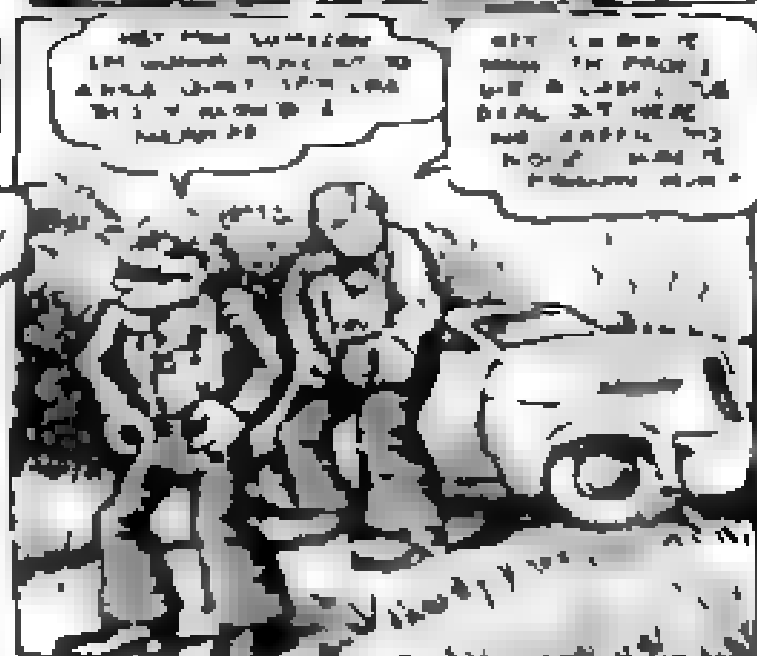




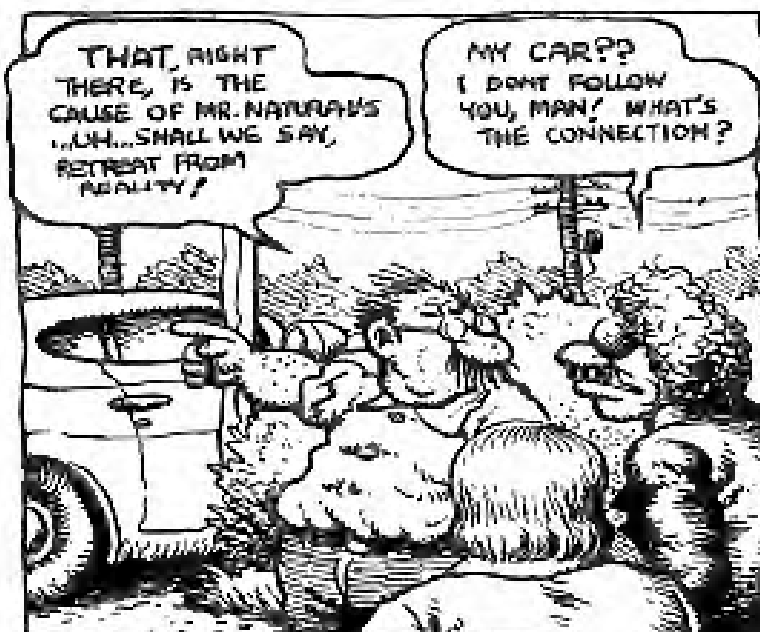




REPORTER AND A PHOTOGRAPHER WHO THEY ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO MR. NATURAL.







THAT, RIGHT THERE, IS THE CAUSE OF MR. NATURAL'S...UH...SHALL WE SAY, RETREAT FROM REALITY?

MY CAR?? I DON'T FOLLOW YOU, MAN! WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?



HE'S NEVER EVEN SEEN MY CAR, SO HOW COULD —

BUZZING...

SHHEESH!

IT'S THE BUZZING THAT DRIVES ONE MAD! THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS BUZZING LIKE A GIANT BEE-HIVE!!



BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ ALL THE TIME! THERE'S NO ESCAPE! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM IT!!

MORE AND MORE AND MORE AS EACH DAY PASSES!!

OH MAN...

CAR ENGINES!! JET PLANES! BUSES! TRUCKS! MOTOR CYCLES! POWER MOWERS! TRACTORS! CHAIN SAWS! RADIOS! TAPE DECKS! DIRT BIKES! SPEED BOATS AND SNOW MOBILES!



A HUNDRED-MILLION GUYS LIKE YOU BUZZING AROUND IN YOUR POWERFUL MACHINES...SURE IT'S FUN, BUT WHERE CAN A PERSON GO TO GET SOME PEACE AND QUIET IN THIS HUGE LAND OF OURS? I'LL TELL YOU WHERE...NO WHERE!! AND BELIEVE ME, I'VE TRIED!!

HEY, COME ON, MAN!

LIGHTEN UP, BABY!!



SLURP

RICE NOODLES

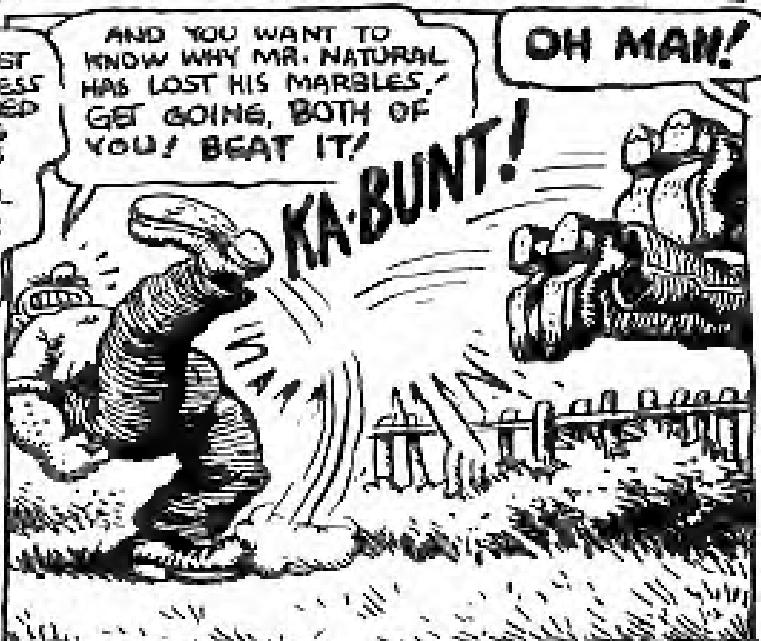


GUYS LIKE YOU BUZZING ALL OVER THE LAND IN YOUR NOISY MACHINES LOOKING FOR THE LATEST HYPE TO CASH IN ON SO AS TO SUPPORT YOUR SWINGING "LIFE-STYLE" WHICH IS KILLING THIS PLANET WE ALL HAVE TO LIVE ON!!

OH THE SHAME OF IT! TO THINK! THE LAST VESTIGES OF WILDERNESS BEING RAPIDLY DEVoured JUST TO KEEP CHURNING OUT TONS OF USELESS PUBLICATIONS FILLED WITH HALF-BAKED CLAP-TRAP SLAPPED TOGETHER BY SHLOTT-CREWS THE LIVES OF YOU TWO! OH THE SHAME!!

OH MAN!

TO



AND YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY MR. NATURAL HAS LOST HIS MARBLES? GET GOING, BOTH OF YOU! BEAT IT!

OH MAN!

KA-BUNT!

HI FOLKS...I...UH...I'VE BEEN
READING SOME OF THOSE LETTERS
THE "VOICE" HAS BEEN GETTING ABOUT
THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE MR.
NATURAL STRIP AND...UM...I'M
DEEPLY TOUCHED, I REALLY AM,
BUT I FEEL I MUST CLEAR THE
AIR...I HAVE TO GET THE
"VOICE" OFF THE HOOK...



I... I GUESS I'M JUST NOT CUT OUT
FOR THIS REGULAR STRIP BUSINESS...I
THOUGHT I COULD DO IT...I WAS ATTRAC-
TED BY THE ECONOMIC SECURITY...A REG-
ULAR WEEKLY GIG FOR THAT KIND OF
MONEY LOOKED REAL GOOD... BUT...I CAN'T
HANDLE IT...THE "VOICE" WAS VERY NICE
ABOUT IT...GIL SAID I WAS ALWAYS
WELCOME TO COME BACK IF I WANTED
TO... AND I'M TOUCHED BY THE RE-
SPONSE IN THE LETTER COLUMN... IT'S
ALL VERY TOUCHING, BUT...

TALK
IS
CHEAP



ARTISTIC, EM-
PATHY, TEMP-
ERAMENT...
ME, UH...
UNPREDICT-
ABLE "GENIUS"
SHALL WE
SAY... NEW
WAVE...
CASTLE OFF
YOUR OWN
TIME AND
RELAXATION...

THEY DIDN'T STOP THE MR. NATURAL
STRIP...I QUIT DRAWING IT...IT WAS
TOTALLY MY OWN DECISION...I COULDN'T
GO ON WITH IT...NOT BECAUSE OF THE
"VOICE"...IN FACT, GIL TRIED VERY HARD
TO DISUADE ME...OH, I HAD A FEW BUREAU-
CRATIC HASSLES WITH THEM, BUT THAT'S NOT
UNUSUAL...AND THE PAY WAS VERY GOOD...
...BUT, YA SEE, I...



ARE YOU FINISHED??

YEAH...I'VE
HAD MY SAY...
CAN WE GO
HOME NOW?

STRONG
GIRL



SURE...
HOP ON!

OH, I GET
A RIDE?

HUP!



SO LONG
FOLKS!



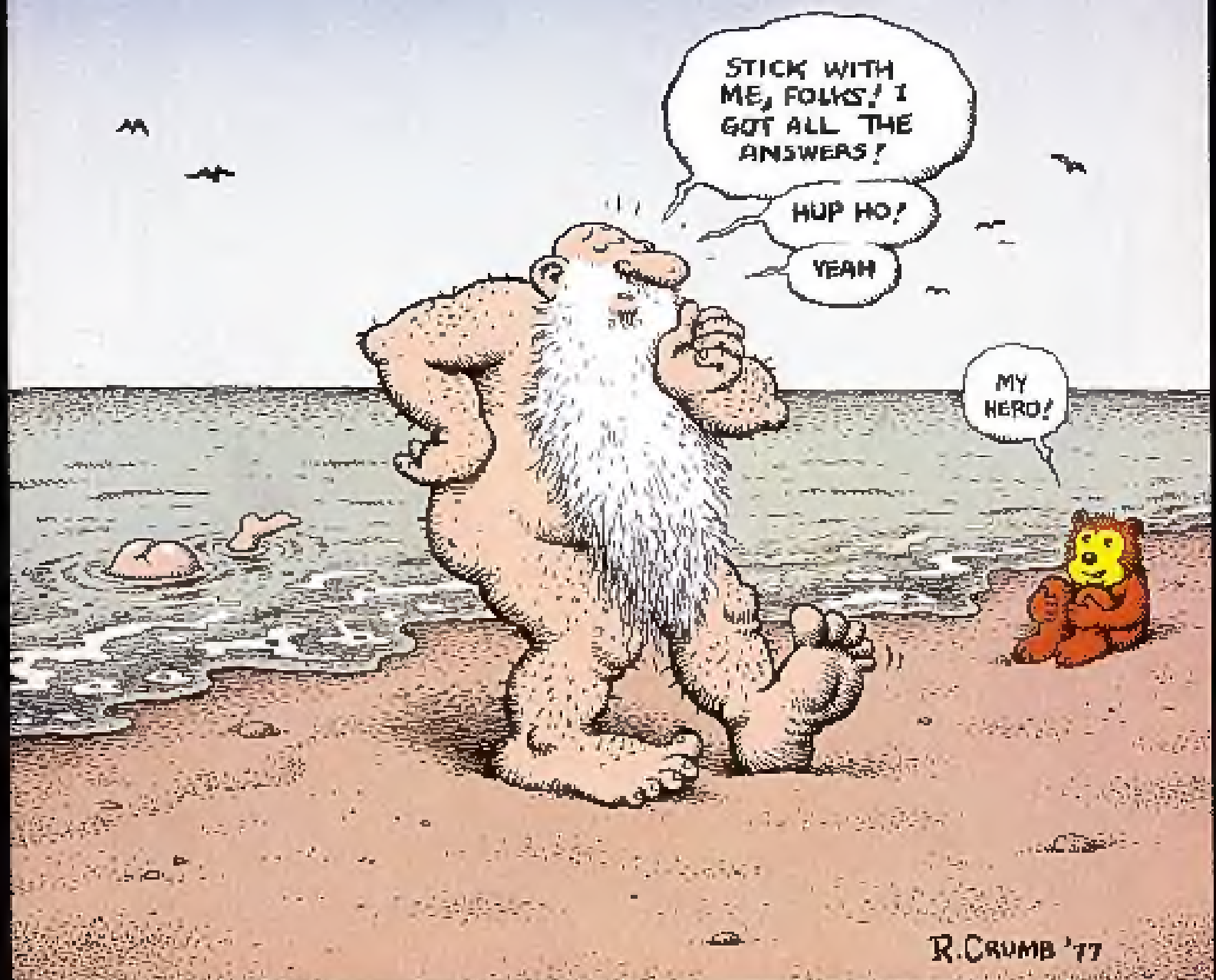
END



Mr. Natural

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STICK WITH
ME, FOLKS! I
GOT ALL THE
ANSWERS!

HUP HO!

YEAH

MY
HERO!

R. CRUMB '77